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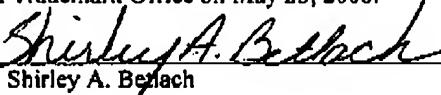
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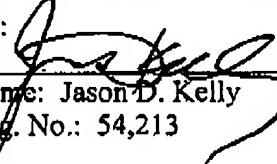
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2006, the period of response for which runs through May 23, 2006, Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following:

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